

Suggested Text for Public Notice for Arauco Special Order by Consent

Event Description:

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
PUBLIC NOTICE
SPECIAL ORDER BY CONSENT FOR
ARAUCO NORTH AMERICA, INC.
MONCURE, CHATHAM COUNTY

ARAUCO North America, Inc. operates a manufacturing site in Chatham County, North Carolina that includes a Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) Facility. The facility is located at 985 Corinth Road, Moncure, North Carolina, 27559. The Company has agreed to a Special Order by Consent (SOC) with the North Carolina Division of Air Quality (DAQ) for operation of the MDF Facility and an associated emission control device (a biofilter) in violation of the company's current Best Achievable Control Technology (BACT) requirements as outlined in Section 2.2.B.2.b of Air Permit 03449T53. After extensive biofilter remedial work, investigatory testing, and research conducted under a current SOC (2019-001), the company has determined that compliance with the current BACT requirements is not achievable. Under the new SOC, the company will provide DAQ with an updated BACT analysis and establish new biofilter operating parameters based on the updated BACT analysis. The terms of the SOC require biofilter performance testing and submission of a final test report within 180 days after the DAQ's issuance of a revised permit with updated BACT emission limits. The new SOC will replace SOC 2019-001, and requires the company to pay upfront penalties to settle stipulated penalties associated with SOC 2019-001 and outlines additional stipulated penalties for failure to comply with the requirements of the new SOC. The new SOC will expire on the 180th day after DAQ issues a revised permit with updated BACT emission limits for the MDF Facility or on December 31, 2021, whichever date comes first.

This proposed SOC may be viewed on the NC DAQ web site:

<http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/air-quality-enforcement/special-orders-by-consent>

A copy of the proposed SOC may also be viewed at the following location & additional information concerning the proposed SOC may be obtained by contacting:

Dena Pittman, Acting Regional Air Quality Supervisor
NC DEQ - Raleigh Regional Office
3800 Barrett Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609
Phone 919-791-4200

or

Steve Hall, Technical Service Section Chief
DEQ-DAQ Raleigh Central Office
1641 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1641
Phone 919-707-8404

Interested persons are invited to review the proposed SOC and to submit written comments to the DAQ at one of the above addresses or by email at daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov with "Arauco SOC" in the subject line. Any person requesting a public hearing regarding the proposed SOC should submit a written request with a statement supporting the need for such a hearing. The request for hearing should be sent to the DAQ at one of the two above address or at the above email address. All public comments and requests for hearing must be received by 5 p.m. on **September 2, 2020**. The DAQ Director shall take final action for the Commission on Consent Orders within 60 days of the initial public notice.